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“Claims 1 through 10

Cited Literature: Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication
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The cited literature describes how, when a file constituting content is uploaded to a specified directory via ftp, that content is published on the Internet by means of a WWW server function, a content publication certification record file containing the content publication start date and time is created, the record of the content publication certificate record file is encrypted and fixed by means of a hash function to prevent tampering, and when certification is necessary, the record content is displayed or printed to produce a publication certificate (paragraphs 68 through 80). Furthermore, converting the data format to a specific format is no more than conventional art so well known that no examples need be cited. Therefore, the inventions as per Claims 1 through 10 could have been easily invented by a person skilled in the art based on the invention described in the cited literature.

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